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On 20 September 1951 at a military conference in Peiping the following decisions were made and were to be implemented before 1 December 1951:

- a. Each command of the military areas will have nine infantry regiments directly under it.
- b. Each command of the military districts will have six infantry regiments directly under it.
- c. Each command of third echelon military districts, such as south Anhwei, north Anhwei, and south Kiangsu, will have four infantry regiments directly under it.
- d. Each command of the military sub-districts will have three infantry regiments directly under it, although in densely populated areas such commands will have four.
- e. Each hsien military battalion will have five hundred to one thousand troops, all infantry.
- f. One reserve regiment will be added to each army in the Chinese Communist field armies.

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Comment. According to an article in the 26 October issue of the China News, from its Hong Kong correspondent, at a recent Peiping conference headed by LIU Shao-ch'i the Chinese Communists decided to increase regular troops to five million, with three million stationed within China and two million "ready for any eventualities outside China." The same article reported that LIN Piao would replace PENG Te-huai as deputy commander in chief of the Chinese Communist Army.

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